REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application, with Claims 1, 6, 7 and 16 being independent. The specification is amended herein to correct minor informalities and clerical inadvertencies. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Applicants' attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

Attorney for Applicants

Jean K. Dudek

(Registration No. 30,938

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO

30 Rockefeller Plaza

New York, New York 10112-3801

Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

JKD:ayr 162455 v 1